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INCLUDING AUTOMATIC DOWNTIME AND
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed December 23, 2003, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action

and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.